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COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD CELEBRATES RECENT LIFT ON TAXICAB PERMITS WITH TAXICAB DRIVERS AT COLINA DEL SOL PARK

San Diego, CA – November 23, 2014 – Councilmember Emerald will be hosting a press conference with City Attorney Jan Goldsmith and Councilmember Scott Sherman to provide an update on the recent city council decision to lift the cap on taxicab permits and celebrate with the community, including several taxicab drivers.

WHAT: Press conference to provide an update on council's recent decision to remove cap on taxicab permits

WHEN: Monday, November 24, 2014 @ 1:30 pm

WHERE: Colina Del Sol Park, 5319 Orange Ave, San Diego, CA 92115 (See attached map)

At a recent city council meeting, hundreds of taxicab drivers and permit holders filled Golden Hall where council heard hours of testimony from many stakeholders before voting 8-1 to lift a 30 year cap on the limit of taxicab permits in the City of San Diego. Taxicab drivers, who have spent years trying to improve their working conditions, celebrated the momentous vote outside of Golden Hall. The decision to remove the cap will change the current make up of the industry and will allow many drivers to apply to be permit owners themselves.

Emerald will be meeting with many (estimated 70-100) cab drivers on Monday November 24, to celebrate with the community and provide an update – answering the question: “Where do we go from here?”

Joining Emerald will be City Attorney Jan Goldsmith, Councilmember Scott Sherman, representatives from the United Taxi Workers of San Diego and many taxicab drivers.

“This recent decision has potential to improve the lives of so many people who have been exploited for their hard work and for far too long,” said Emerald. “Their courage and persistence to stand up for what they believe in and fight to improve their quality of life has paid off, they have made a difference. Now we have to work together and continue to work just as hard, if not harder, to ensure that this new policy is implemented thoughtfully and smoothly.”

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